

REMARKS

This application has been amended in a manner that is believed to place it in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action.

In the outstanding Official Action, claims 29 to 36 were objected to for allegedly not further limiting the subject matter of the claim pursuant to 37 CFR 1.75(c). However, claims 29 to 36 have been amended to address this issue. In particular, claim 29 has been amended so it is dependent on claim 28. Indeed, claim 28 is the preceding independent claim that recites a composition.

Claims 31 to 32 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, for allegedly being indefinite. This rejection is traversed.

Claims 31 to 32 have been amended so that the phrases "the extract is dissolved beforehand" and "the extract is beforehand dissolved" have been deleted.

Claims 19 to 24, 28 and 34 to 36 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by WOHLMAN et al. Claims 29 to 33 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as allegedly being obvious in view of WOHLMAN et al. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Applicants respectfully submit that WOHLMAN fails to anticipate or render obvious the claimed invention. WOHLMAN

discloses an oil cottonseed extract. This is distinct from the claimed cotton honeydew extract. Honeydew designates a product surrounding cotton fibers which contains sugars synthesized by certain insects (e.g., see page 3, lines 1 to 2 and lines 23 to 25 in the present specification). As the Examiner is aware, sugars are chemically distinct from lipids and generally are present in oil.

Thus, in view of the above, applicants respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 19 to 28 and 24 to 36 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over WOHLMAN et al. in view of KOSUGE et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In an effort to remedy the deficiencies of WOHLMAN for reference purposes, the Official Action cites to KOSUGE. KOSUGE teaches a bath composition comprising sugars, having moisturizing effects which allegedly confer beneficial properties to skin in a diseased state (e.g., atopic dermatitis). However, KOSUGE does not disclose the protection of skin or hair, and the reinforcement of a barrier function as recited in the claims. Indeed, there is no recognition of a composition or method for treating a keratin substrate that comprises supplying an effective amount of at least a cotton honeydew extract or composition as recited in the claims.

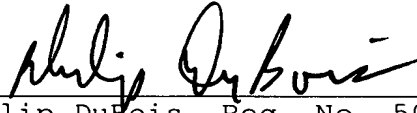
Thus, applicants believe that the proposed combination fails to render obvious the claimed invention.

In view of the above, applicants respectfully request the allowance and passage to issue of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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